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DESTRUCTION WEAPONS: ROUND TWO: FINAL MEETING: AUGUST 29,
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1. SUMMARY: AT FINAL MEETING OF US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON
RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (RW)AND NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS
(MDW), US POSITION WAS PRESENTED ON SCOPE, DEFINITION
AND VERIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO KEY ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE
RW CONVENTION. END SUMMARY.

2. AT FINAL MEETING OF US-USSR WORKING GROUP ON RADIO-
LOGICAL WEAPONS (RW) AND NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS
(MDW). WHICH WAS HELD AT SOVIET MISSION ON AUGUST 29,
THE HEAD OF USDELEGATION (FISHER) PRESENTED REVISED
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DRAFT OF ILLUSTRATIVE ELEMENTS (TEXT CONTAINED REFTTEL)
WHICH INCLUDED US POSITION ON SCOPE, DEFINITION AND A
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

3. FISHER REVIEWED THE ILLUSTRATIVE ELEMENTS AND MDE
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO DEFINITION:
QUOTE: I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE HERE THAT THE DEFINI-

TIONS CONTAINED IN BOTH OUR ILLUSTRATIVE ELEMENTS AND IN YOUR DRAFT TREATY RELATE ONLY TO DEVICES OR MATERIAL DESIGNED TO CAUSE DAMAGE THROUGH RADIATION PRODUCED BY THE NATURAL DECAY OF RADIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. THESE DEFINITIONS DO NOT INCLUDE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, EVEN THOSE WHICH PRODUCE A HIGH DEGREE OF RADIATION OR RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL, NOR DO THEY INCLUDE OTHER WEAPONS NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR RADIOLOGICAL WARFARE. YOU WILL ALSO RECALL AT AN EARLIER MEETING I INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED CONVENTION DID NOT APPLY TO THE USE OF DEPLETED URANIUM IN CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITION OR TO THE USE OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF RADIOLOGICAL ISOTOPES IN MILITARY ELECTRONICS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT. END QUOTE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND VERIFICATION, FISHER MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

QUOTE: IN ILLUSTRATIVE ELEMENT NO. 6 THE US DELEGATION HAS ADDED A NEW PARAGRAPH PROVIDING FOR A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONVENED UPON THE REQUEST OF ANY STATE PARTY AND THAT ANY STATE PARTY MAY APPOINT AN EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT EACH STATE PARTY SHOULD UNDERTAKE A COMMITMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AS IT CARRIES OUT ITS WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCEDURES. THE REASON FOR THIS ADDITION TO THE US POSITION AS IT WAS PRESENTED EARLIER IN THIS SERIES OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS, IS THAT THE US ACCEPTANCE OF A SCOPE EXPANDED OVER NON-USE REQUIRES, AS A COROLLARY, SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC VERIFICATION ASSURANCES. BUT WE THINK WE SHOULD PLACE ON THE RECORD THAT THE US DOES NOT CONSIDER EVEN THIS SOMEWHAT MORE SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR VERIFICATION OF A RW BAN AS NECESSARILY APPLICABLE TO FUTURE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS ON OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS OR SYSTEMS WHICH MAY REQUIRE MORE STRINGENT CONTROLS.

WITH RESPECT TO THE RW BAN, HOWEVER, A KEY ASPECT OF THE US POSITION IS THAT THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASK FOR AN INSPECTION VISIT WHEN THERE IS REASON TO SUSPECT THAT A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED. THE US HOPES WE COULD HAVE A PROMPT UNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT AT AN EARLY STAGE IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS. END QUOTE.

5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING HEAD OF SOVIET DEL (LIKHACHEV) SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" DURING THE ROUND. HE CLEARLY INDICATED THAT SOVIET SIDE HOPES FOR PROGRESS ON BROADER MDW ISSUE, BUT DID NOT LINK SUCH PROGRESS TO RW.

6. US SIDE SUGGESTED THAT NEXT ROUND ON RW BE HELD IN
CONJUNCTION WITH NEXT SET OF BILATERALS ON CHEMICAL
WEAPONS.VANDEN HEUVEL

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